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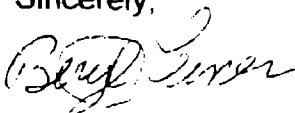
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the federal government. Microsoft went beyond what was required or initially sought by the government in this settlement.

For example, Microsoft will provide third parties with a license to the necessary intellectual property should said third party want to design a program that will interact with Windows. Its decision not to enter into any agreements obligating any third party to distribute or promote any Windows exclusively and not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with programs in its Windows operating system show that Microsoft is willing to compromise.

In closing, this settlement provides consumers with additional safeguards, while helping Microsoft's competitors in the process. I hope this is the last chapter in the government's playbook, and that Microsoft can get back to business. I support the settlement, and look forward to the end of this case.

Sincerely,



Beryl Lerner